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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6455

BILL NUMBER: HB 1436

DATE PREPARED: Nov 30, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Law enforcement basic training allowance.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a law enforcement agency or the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center (NILETC) is entitled to a \$2,000 allowance for each trainee from the Law Enforcement Training Fund to defray costs of basic training approved by the Law Enforcement Training Board (LETB). (Current law provides that a law enforcement agency or the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center is entitled to a per capita allowance.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would raise the basic training per capita allowance from the LETB-approved \$100 to a statutory level of \$2,000. Approximately 165 persons annually attend basic training in approved schools other than the Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA). With the addition of an expected 60 students training annually at NILETC, annual per capita expenditures would rise from \$22,500 to \$450,000.

Supplemental Background Information on the LETA Funding: Current LETA operating expenditures exceed the statutory distribution for that purpose and are supplemented by a pre-existing surplus in its dedicated operating fund. Under IC 33-19-7-5, the dedicated Law Enforcement Training Fund (Fund) is provided a state General Fund distribution derived from court fee revenue. The FY 99 distribution to the Fund was \$1.9 million. However, the Fund appropriation for Academy training was \$3.3 million in FY 99. The Fund has recently supported annual operating expenditures above annual distributions due to a surplus balance (projected at \$1.6 million by year-end FY 99) that was accrued prior to FY 93. Based on current expenditures, the Fund will effectively exhaust this surplus by year-end FY 2000.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: NILETC's training budget is provided by officer dues paid through its 46 member police departments.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Local Agencies Affected: Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Training Center.

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